

**CLEAN VERSION OF THE INSERTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0075] on page 22 with the following paragraph:

**[0075] 3.1 Cloning of the cstA gene**

From the strain ATCC 13032, chromosomal DNA was isolated by the method of Eikmanns et al. (Microbiology 140: 1817-1828 (1994)) I.B.R. On the basis of the sequence of the cstA gene known for *C. glutamicum* from example 2, the following oligonucleotides were chosen for the polymerase chain reaction (see SEQ ID No. 6 and SEQ ID No. 7):

cstA-exp1:

5' CAC CCT ACT GAA CAG CTT GG 3' SEQ ID NO:6

cstA-exp2:

5' CAG TGC ATG AGT AAG AGC CA 3' SEQ ID NO:7